

A3 75. A kit for fragment analysis comprising one or more nucleotide triphosphates, a chain-terminating nucleotide analog and a primer, wherein said primer is a labelled polynucleotide according to claim 63. --

II. REMARKS

Entry of this Preliminary Amendment prior to examination is respectfully requested. Obvious misspellings have been corrected by amendment in the specification. Claims 46-75 are new. Claims 1-45 are hereby cancelled.

A restriction requirement was made in Examiner's Office Action of July 19, 2000 in application Serial Number 09/325,243. New claims 46-75 correspond to, and are consonant with, Group II, claims 40-45, drawn to labeled nucleoside and nucleotides.

Support for the new claims to labelled nucleic acids can be found, for example and among other places, at: page 5, line 31 to page 6, line 6; page 13, lines 20-30; page 14, lines 12-30; page 60 line 12 to page 64, line 25. Support for the PCR method can be found at page 65, lines 6-11. Support for fragment analysis methods can be found at page 6, lines 8-11 and page 67, line 16 to page 71, line 19.. Support for labelled polynucleotides can be found at page 66, line 20 to page 67, line 7

Applicants feel that the pending claims in the present application are in condition for allowance, and allowance is therefore respectfully requested.

If any additional fees not submitted with this response are required, the Commissioner is authorized to withdraw such fees from deposit account **01-2213**.

Respectfully submitted,



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